

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants propose amending claims 1 and 43 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicants also incorporate by reference the remarks of the After Final Amendment dated November 12, 2004, traversing the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 102(e). Applicants wish to thank Examiner Gart for allowing Applicants' representatives to discuss the pending claims during an interview on December 6, 2004. In particular, Applicants' representatives discussed the Advisory Action dated November 29, 2004. The Examiner stated during the interview that the proposed amendments overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection, and that the Amendment would be entered.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-63 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 102(e) should be withdrawn.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner. The entry of this Amendment would place this application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

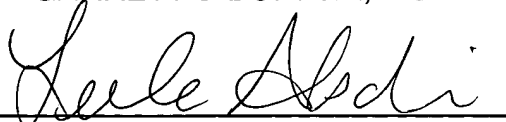
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